

PRESENCE OF MIND.

Duke of Wellington's Experience With a Murderous Maniac. One day as the Duke of Wellington was sitting at his library table quite at his ease, his door was suddenly opened by a knock or announcement of import, and in stalked a gaunt man, dressed before the commander in chief with his hat on and a savage expression of countenance. The duke was of course a little annoyed at such an unceremonious interruption, and, looking up, he asked, "Who are you?" "I am Dionysius," was the singular answer. "Well, what do you want?" "My life!" "Yes; I am about to kill you." "Very odd," said the duke, sitting back and calmly gazing at the intruder. "Not at all, for I am Dionysius," said the stranger, "and must put you to death." "Are you obliged to perform this duty today?" asked the commander in chief. "I am very busy just now and have a large number of letters to write. It would be very inconvenient today." The visitor looked hard during a moment's pause. "Call again," continued the duke, "or write and make an appointment." "You'll be ready?" "Without fail," was the reply. The maniac, wedded doubtless by the stern old soldier, backed out of the room without further words and half an hour later was safe in bedlam.

TAKING LIFE TOO SERIOUSLY.

Taking life too seriously is said to be an especially American failing. This may be true; but, judging from appearances, it would seem to be world-wide, for, go where you may, you will find the proportion of serious, not to say anxious, faces ten to one as compared with the merry or happy ones. If "the outer is always the form and shadow of the inner" and if "the present is the fullness of the past and the herald of the future" (and how can we doubt it?), how many sad histories can be read in the faces of those we meet every day! The pity of it is, too, that the sadness is a soft woven garment, even as is the joy with which it might be replaced. Rustin says: "Girls should be sunbeams not only to members of their own circle, but to everybody with whom they come in contact. Every room they enter should be brighter for their presence." Why shouldn't all of us be sunbeams, boys as well as girls, all along the way from twenty-five years and under to eighty-five years and over?—Success.

A CHEERFUL EXPRESSION. "I wish I could always look as cheerful as you do," said the sweet young thing as she dropped down beside the attractive widow.

"There are times when it is embarrassing, that cheerful expression of mine," said the widow. "Let me tell you. When my husband died, I was journeying alone to his home, where he was to be buried. I was much annoyed at the persistency with which the man across the aisle attempted to flirt with me. Finally he took a seat in front of me and said, 'I beg pardon, but I thought I'd like to talk with you awhile because you have such a cheerful expression.'

"And there I'd been weeping my eyes out for two days. So don't cultivate that cheerful look too much or you'll find some one accusing you of looking happy at a funeral."—New York Times

A MEDIEVAL SURVIVAL. It may interest some of your readers to know that the archaic method of reckoning by tally sticks is still in vogue in Pau. While there I saw a bundle of tally sticks (there called talles) suspended in a baker's shop, and on inquiry I found that most of the poorer country people thus registered their purchases until they were able to pay. The tally stick is cut down the center, the baker and purchaser each retaining a half, and when a loaf is sold the two halves are fitted together, and a notch is made across them, the purchaser thus keeping an exact check upon the baker's score. Upon any payment being made a corresponding number of notches are shaved off. London Atheneum.

SMOKER'S HEART. Smoking as a rule, agrees with persons for many years, perhaps for twenty years and longer, although by degrees cigars of a finer flavor are chosen, but all at once, without any assignable cause, troubles are experienced with the heart, which rapidly increase and compel the sufferer to call in the help of a medical man. The age at which disturbances of the heart become pronounced varies very much. It is but rare that patients are under thirty years of age; they are mostly between forty and sixty years old.

EXPLAINS IT. "Why is it?" asked the curious guest, "that poor men usually give larger tips than rich men?"

"Well, sub," said the waiter, "the poor man don't want nobody to find out he's poor, an' de rich man don't want nobody to find out he's rich, sub."—Chicago Tribune.

THE LAST STRAW. After a fellow has walked about fourteen miles every night for two weeks with the baby it pains him to be told by the doctor: "You look all run down. You should take more exercise."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

TOO RUSTY. Lady (after singing a few rusty notes) — Don't you think my voice should be brought out?

Manager—No; pushed back—Column

THE ONLY DISAGREEABLE PART. It is only the first half of any job that is disagreeable. The second half is worse.—Now Orleans Times-Democrat.

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Between Reuben N. Waynes Parker, personally,
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Dodd, his wife, defendant, \$14,140 for sale of
mortgaged premises.

By virtue of the above stated writ of garnishee, to me directed, I have executed for sale
upon the premises at the Court House in Newark,
on Tuesday, the seventh day of July next,
at two o'clock P. M., all those tracts or parcels
of lands and premises situate, lying and being
in the township of Bloomfield, Essex County,
New Jersey.

First the tracts on Broad Street described in

two tracts as follows:

First Tract—On Broad Street, on the easterly side
of the road leading from the turnpike road
near the Court House to the said John Archdeacon's
Hotel towards the park at the southwest corner of Isaac N. Dodd's lot; (1st)
there being along the said road (now Broad Street) a
square tract of land, the dimensions being
sixty-one feet and six inches being the second
stoping which bears from the centre of a well
on the premises north eighty-eight degrees
and twenty minutes west, and distant therefrom
one hundred and nine feet and three inches with
thirty-two degrees and fifty-four minutes east
one hundred and sixty-two feet; thence north
twenty-seven degrees and five minutes east
sixty feet to the line of Israel C. Ward's lot;
thence along the said Israel C. Ward's lot
and east of the same, to the line of Reuben N.
Dodd's line north sixty-nine degrees and
seventy-four feet and three inches to the
place of beginning, being twenty-three
hundredths of an acre of land.

Also that other certain piece or parcel of land

and premises, beginning at the southeast corner
of lot conveyed by said John Archdeacon to
Reuben N. Dodd, the dimensions being
forty-eight feet and eight inches east
forty-seven feet and eight inches to Catherine

Meader's line; (2) the line of Reuben N.
Dodd's line north twenty-three degrees
and three minutes east sixty feet and
three inches to the line of Reuben N.
Dodd's line; (3) thence along I. C. Ward's line
north sixty-nine degrees and five minutes east
sixty feet to the line of Reuben N. Dodd's line;

thence along the said Reuben N. Dodd's line

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Also the same premises conveyed to Mary

Dodd by Stephen W. Fullerton and wife by deed

recorded in the Register's office of Essex County,
afforested in Book K-21 of Deeds for said county,
on page 100, and in Book K-22 of Deeds for said county,
on page 101.

Also the lands and premises on Glenwood

Avenue, described as follows:

Beginning in the southeasterly line of Glenwood

Avenue at a point distant three hundred

and forty-one feet and eight inches
from the southeasterly line of Washington (formerly

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feet three inches to the line of

Joseph R. Harvey; thence along the same south

forty-three degrees thirty minutes west one hundred

and twenty-three feet eight inches to the place

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Also the same premises recorded in Book K-21

of Deeds for Essex County, page 342,
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